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For: CELL FOR MEASURING THE ABILITY TO

CONTROL THE ACTIVITY OF A LIGAND-RESPONSIVE TRANSCRIPTION CONTROL

FACTOR

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.